Contribute to Launching a New Major Initiative by Researching Sustainable Infrastructure



Project Title	Contribute to Launching a New Major Initiative by Researching Sustainable Infrastructure
Summery	Conduct open source research on sustainability and quality considerations in infrastructure projects (both good and bad) and contribute to the development and launch of the Blue Dot Network - a major new international initiative.
Country	United States

Project Description

The Office of Development Finance (ODF) in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs is looking for a motivated and curious virtual intern with an interest in infrastructure and sustainable development, particularly in the context of understanding the difference between good and bad infrastructure and weighing the lifecycle costs of infrastructure.

As a member of the ODF team, you will conduct open source research analyzing the news and developments of sustainability, transparency, and quality in the sustainable infrastructure space. This research can take form of a single case study comparing good and bad infrastructure or a comparative analysis – either project would be well suited for a capstone project should you want to use this internship for that purpose.

This longer-term research project will inform the development of the Blue Dot Network (BDN) – a new international initiative led by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Development Finance Corporation. BDN will create a quality infrastructure certification mechanism that will promote quality infrastructure investment that is open and inclusive, transparent, economically viable, financially, environmentally and socially sustainable, and compliant with international standards, laws, and regulations. You can find more information about the BDN here: https://www.state.gov/blue-dot-network/ As part of the ongoing duties of this internship, you may be asked to complete ad hoc research assignments related to the BDN design and development.

In the course of this internship, you will learn about U.S. and international infrastructure development policies and multilateral finance institutions, develop strong writing skills by following the Department of State writing guidelines, and gain an understanding of the U.S. foreign economic policy making processes and considerations.?

What else is in it for you in this position?? Our mentorship, flexible workload, and opportunity to expand your professional network and learn more about what working for the U.S. Department of State and with international partners looks like.

The main skills and knowledge that we are looking for are intellectual curiosity, ability to write clearly and

concisely, attention to detail, some research experience, and a basic knowledge of global economic and development trends.

About our office:? the Office of Development Finance (ODF) fosters economic development around the world and promotes the prosperity of the United States by developing new markets overseas, supporting export opportunities, and strengthening U.S. international economic ties.? You can learn more about what we do here: https://www.state.gov/development-finance/

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Research
Writing

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

None